

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1621
KOSHIMA et al.)
Serial No. 10/576,682) Examiner: Karl J. Putlitz
Filed: January 16, 2007) Confirmation No.: 7256
Atty. File No. 5426JS-5)
For: "METHOD FOR PRODUCING) RESPONSE TO
ASYMMETRIC ALKYL) RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
COMPOUND USING ALKALI-)
TREATED SOLID SUPPORT,)
AND ALKALI-TREATED SOLID)
SUPPORT USED IN THIS)
METHOD"

Submitted Via EFS-Web

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to address the Restriction Requirement having a mailing date of August 18, 2009. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Applicants elect to elect Group I, Claims 1-25, to prosecute in the present application. Applicants reserve their right to prosecute claims in the non-elected groups in a future divisional application.

Applicants respectfully submit that where a single field of a search thoroughly covers all of the claims in an application, different classifications in the Patent and Trademark Office should not be controlling. It is respectfully submitted that in this case the restriction requirement only serves to increase the expense to Applicants and to the Patent and Trademark Office. As noted in the Commissioner's Notice of April 9, 1975, 930 O.G. 450 and M.P.E.P §803, where search and examination of an entire application

can be made without serious burden, the Examiner is encouraged to examine on the merits, even if it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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